

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A program reception apparatus is provided. A first receiving unit receives a program sent via a first transmission path to a receiver group made up of a plurality of program reception apparatuses. A second receiving unit receives a program sent via a second transmission path different with the first transmission path to a part of the receiver group. A controlling unit controls so that one of the first and second receiving unit receives a program at one time. When the program received under the control of the controlling unit is accompanied with switch information for specifying a program to be received by the other receiving unit, an extracting unit extracts the switch information. When the switch information is extracted by the extracting unit, a switching unit switches reception to the program specified by the switch information.